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TEXTILES
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IMPACT OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the impact of quantitative restrictions imposed on Indian textiles by the developed countries;

(b) if so, the extent to which the textile exports affected thereby;

(c) the target fixed by the Government for export of textiles goods during the current financial year; and

(d) the extent to which it has been achieved so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Till December 31, 1994, the exports of textiles to certain developed countries (e.g. US; member countries of EU; Canada) had been governed by bilateral textile agreements entered into between India and these countries under the aegis of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA), outside the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).With effect from January 1, 1995, the quantitative restrictions (import quotas) in the bilateral agreements under the MFA, are being governed by the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) contained in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round negotiations of the GATT.Presently, our textiles and clothing items face restraints in USA, European Union and Canada. Quotas by themselves are trade restrictive.

(c) & (d) A target of US$ 15,005 million has been fixed for textile products for the year 2002-03. DGCI&S figures are available only upto March 2002. However, as per data compiled by Textile Export Promotion Councils, the quota exports have amounted to US$ 1288.5 million during the period April-June 2002.